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Sahitya Akademi deeply mourns the sudden departure of Sir Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipual, distinguished writer, Nobel Laureate and Honorary Fellow of Sahitya Akademi. Sir Naipaul explored colonialism through different perspectives and represented in more than one sense displacement. As Swedish Academy noted while conferring Nobel on Sri V.S. Naipaul, he was "a literary circumnavigator, only ever really at home in himself, in his inimitable voice." Sir V. S. Naipaul might have departed from the mortal world but *The Mystic Masseur*, *A House for Mr Biswas*, *The Loss of El Dorado*, *A Bend in the River* and all his works will stay alive forever. It is not very often do we get to see the writer of the caliber of Sir V.S. Naipaul and it was indeed Akademi's privilege to have conferred Fellowship on Sir V.S. Naipaul. He inspired two generations of writers and will continue to inspire writers in all languages in the times to come too.


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